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Prior Application:

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Serial No. 09/413,814 Filed: October 7, 1999

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For:

METHOD FOR ASSAYING DNA FRAGMENTS

IN MIXTURE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Box: Patent Application

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/413,814, filed on October 7, 1999, entitled METHOD FOR ASSAYING DNA FRAGMENTS IN MIXTURE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
 - The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

\$ 710.00 Basic Fee Total Claims $6 - 20 = 0 \times 18 = 0.00 Independent Claims $2 - 3 = 0 \times 78$ = \$ 0.00 \$ 710.00 Total Filing Fee



- 3. A check including the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
 - 4. Cancel claims 2-16 before calculating the Filing Fee.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- 6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:
- --This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/413,814, filed October 7, 1999.--.
- 7. New drawings are enclosed, seven (7) sheets, Figs. 1-7.
- 8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-286286, filed October 8, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the Specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/413,814, as originally filed on October 7, 1999.

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MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR 104 East Hume Avenue Alexandria, Virginia 22301 (703) 684-1120 Date: April 27, 2001